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May 4, 2006

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Office of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

> 21,200'Zone, Reservoir B Re:

> > KAPLAN FIELD

Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters:

- To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 21,200' Zone, Reservoir B, in the Kaplan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, said unit to be designated 21200 RB SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- To provide that any future wells drilled to the 21,200' Zone, Reservoir B, should be located in accordance with the provisions of LAC 43:XIX.1901 et seq. (Statewide Order No. 29-E).
- To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
  - 5. To consider such others matters as may be pertinent.

The 21,200' Zone, Reservoir B, in the Kaplan Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 19,434 feet and 20,820 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Mobil E&P, N.A./Pel Tex – E. Dartez No. 1 Well located in Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 1 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY from Louis Gilbert & Associates, 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, LA 70002, Telephone Number (504) 834-8112.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana, on May 3, 2006, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance. The conference was opened by representatives of the applicant who explained the basis for the unit being requested. Questions were asked and answered. No counterplans were presented, nor any opposition expressed. The conference was then adjourned.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are the plat, the conference attendance list and the list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, the plat (being the same plat attached to the pre-application notice dated April 12, 2006) and list of parties are being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the plat and/or list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check made payable to the Office of Conservation in the amount of \$755.00 on behalf of the applicant representing the hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

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cc:

Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservation

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

